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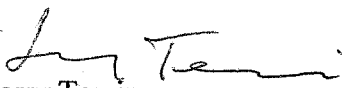
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Re: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to urge you to grant the above-referenced petition, which would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food. Downed animals suffer for periods up to days without food, water or veterinary care, and many are **left** to die of neglect. When these animal are moved, they are **commonly** dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts, methods which obviously cause a great deal of pain and suffering. Moreover, using these animals for food raises significant health concerns due to the risk of bacterial contamination and the **possibility** that some downed animals may be **afflicted** with a form of Bovine **Spongiform Encephalopathy**. I believe that these factors combine to require that the above petition be **granted** as soon as possible, Thank you.

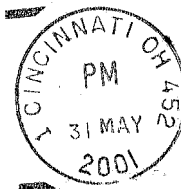
Sincerely,


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